

**DECLARATION**

I, Sabine Frieda Katharina Town, declare that I am a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany, residing at Waldstraße 45, 82386 Oberhausen, Federal Republic of Germany, that I am fluent in German and English, that I am a competent translator from German into English and that the attached is a true and accurate translation made by me into the English language of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/07851 dated 03.12.1998.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing declaration, this tenth day of March 2000.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabine F.K. Town', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sabine F.K. Town

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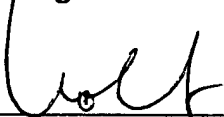
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Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999 at Mannheim, Germany.

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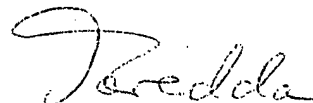
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RDID0041US**Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application****English Language Declaration**

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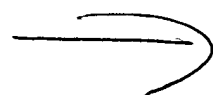
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